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August 30, 2021

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

I write to you in strong support of support of the Coalition For a 100% Affordable World Trade Center Tower 5 (5WTC) and the proposal to expand the number of affordable residential units at this site from 25 to 100% with a preference for 9/11 survivors/responders, their children, and seniors. I understand that Congressman Jerold Nadler, State Senators Brad Hoylman and Brian Kavanagh, Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou, Council Member Mark Levine, and Democratic Council Nominee Christopher Marte all support this goal as well.

While I applaud the current plan to develop 5WTC as primarily a residential tower, there is a great community need for additional affordable housing. The neighborhood is already saturated with luxury housing, and much of this housing stock is currently vacant, including in buildings in the immediate vicinity of 5WTC. New Yorkers are in dire need of affordable housing, including deeply affordable and housing for low to moderate income individuals and families.

In April of this year, I joined with Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) to introduce the Affordable Housing Preservation Act. The legislation will fund the creation of community-owned cooperatives for low-income people, helping to alleviate the affordable housing crisis while allowing people to communally own the homes they live in. Additionally, I've long led efforts in Congress to support the medical and financial needs of the 9/11 Community and recently introduced a new bipartisan bill, The 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act, to fulfill our national commitment to 'Never Forget.' Affordable housing and supporting 9/11 responders and survivors are both issues about which I am deeply passionate.

I strongly encourage the leadership at the Empire State Development Corporation, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to consider options that would permit 5WTC to be 100% affordable with a preference for 9/11 survivors and first responders. I would very much like to work with you and your staff along with my colleagues in city, state, and federal government to find creative ways to accomplish this goal. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me or to Shelby Garner in my

office at (212) 860-0606 or shelby.garner@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,


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